

**ABSTRACT**

A multilayer compensator comprising one or more  
polymeric A layers and one or more polymeric B layers, wherein said A layers  
comprise a polymer having an out-of-plane birefringence not more negative than  
5 -0.01, said B layers comprise an amorphous polymer having an out-of-plane  
birefringence more negative than -0.01, and the overall in-plane retardation ( $R_{in}$ )  
of said multilayer compensator is greater than 20nm and the out-of-plane  
retardation ( $R_{th}$ ) of said multilayer compensator is more negative than -20nm.

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